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Mr. Seymour Siegel
WNYC
Municipal Building
New York 7, N.Y.

Dear Seymour:

You probably have received my letter--which crossed yours in the mails--reporting that THE JEFFERSONIAN HERITAGE is now in the bindery--with copies expected this week.

Walter Goldschmidt has been hard at work on THE WAYS OF MANKIND, and has been writing a 30,000-word running essay into which the scripts will be fitted. This is an extraordinary piece of work, and will provide a very helpful continuity for the radio material. Dr. Goldschmidt had expected to have his new material--which is virtually a small book in itself--completed before this; but has had to delay the delivery date until later this month. Meanwhile he has selected a competent artist with an anthropological background to prepare illustrations to be used throughout the book. As you can see, THE WAYS OF MANKIND will be an even more elaborate piece of book production than THE JEFFERSONIAN HERITAGE.

PEOPLE UNDER COMMUNISM is requiring much more work within the scripts themselves than has been required on either the Jefferson or the anthropology book. We are working with three key advisers of the Russian Research Center at Harvard and in a few weeks will come up with a detailed recommendation for consolidating some of the material and possibly for enlarging the whole project to include both the book and a series of pamphlets--drawing on both the hour-long programs and the half-hour-long scripts.

Pocketbooks, Inc. has put in a tentative bid for the reprint rights on THE JEFFERSONIAN HERITAGE.

It's wonderful to know that there is a possibility of overseas publications. I think the dignity of your office requires the services of an assistant the next time you go to a meeting in Paris....

With very best wishes,

Ever cordially,

(Signed) Melvin Arnold

THE BEACON PRESS
25 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

May 13, 1954

Dear Mr. Skornia:

I promised to tell you if the State Department were to come through on the order for 1800 copies of THE JEFFERSONIAN HERITAGE. They have! We are now going ahead with the production of a paper-bound edition that we will make available to the Ford Foundation and NAEB at about one dollar. I'll send you sample copies in a few weeks

Yours cordially,
/s/ Malvin Arnold
Malvin Arnold
Editor

W N Y E
29 Fort Greene Place
Brooklyn 17, New York

May 12, 1954

Dear Harry:

With very great regret I report no further progress on plans for the regional meeting. This is a major reflection upon the regional director and a minor one upon the region. The final response to my letter of inquiry totaled twenty-five, eleven in this immediate area and fourteen from surrounding states. Of these twelve represented stations. The total number of letters sent out was sixty-three.

Whether the above response merits pursuing the regional meeting idea further is questionable considering the costs involved.

The chief handicap rests in my inability to get the time to push the project further both as to hotel facilities and program. Working as I do for WNYE five days weekly and for CBS every Saturday I'm a well beaten up guy by the end of each week. Since CAMERA THREE took the Peabody, the time and effort put upon that show each week has been redoubled.

I see two possibilities which might have value:

The first is a one-day general meeting of the 1954 Convention Committee with the officers and executives. This might also be attended by representatives of NAEB Region I members who could get to the meeting. Arrangements for this I could work out. The second possibility would involve your sending Harold Hill here to pick up the organization of the regional meeting from my faltering hands. That may seem either a brash or weak-minded suggestion, but it's the only way I see of having a Region I meeting this year.

I'm sorry to send in such a pessimistic report, but pressures being what they are, it's the best I can do.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,
/s/ Jim
James F. Macandrew
Director of Broadcasting

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The Beacon Press
25 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass.

December 29, 1952

Mr. Seymour Siegel
WNYC
Municipal Building
New York 7, N.Y.

Dear Seymour:

What a pleasant Christmas greeting!

We are delighted to have the contracts on Ways of Mankind and People Under Communism and will look forward to working on the manuscripts after the final versions reach us.

The Jeffersonian Series is being set in type right now, and we are searching in New York and in Washington for the most appropriate illustrations.

Happy Holidays!

Yours ever,

(s) Melvin Arnold

P.S. We presented the book to our salesmen today before they start off on their spring trips. They are very optimistic about its possibilities.

Box 2002
University, Alabama

May 29, 1953

The Beacon Press
25 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Thank you for the copy of "The Jeffersonian Heritage" and accept my most sincere congratulations for an interesting, beautiful, and unusual book.

I certainly hope the book will receive very good reception and will be distributed quite widely.

Sincerely yours,

Graydon Ausmus
President

GA:pse

cc: C. Scott Fletcher

May 25, 1953

The Beacon Press
25 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I am delighted with your publication, "The Jeffersonian Heritage" and I was very pleased to receive the five copies you sent me.

I will be most curious to learn about sales by the end of this year.

Sincerely yours,

C. Scott Fletcher

cc - Graydon Ausmus
George Probst

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